

7. Agreed to join STS and co-sponsor a mini Tech Con for general surgical residents and medical students at the ACS meeting in San Francisco in October
8. Elected the following forty-seven (47) surgeons to Active membership and (2) Honorary Members, the highest number of new members elected in the history of the association:

Active

Arvind K. Agnihotri, M.D. *Boston, MA*
 Michael Argenziano, M.D. *New York, NY*
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 Stephen D. Cassivi, M.D. *Rochester, MN*
 Alain R. Chapelier, M.D, PhD *Suresnes, France*
 Neil A. Christie, M.D. *Pittsburgh, PA*
 Ruggero De Paulis, M.D. *Rome, Italy*
 Abelardo DeAnda, Jr., M.D. *Bronx, NY*
 Pirooz Eghtesady, MD, PhD *Cincinnati, OH*
 Anthony L. Estrera, M.D. *Houston, TX*
 Hiran C. Fernando, M.D. *Boston, MA*
 Joseph M. Forbess, M.D. *Dallas, TX*
 James S. Gammie, M.D. *Baltimore, MD*
 Daniel J. Goldstein, M.D. *Bronx, NY*
 Igor D. Gregoric, M.D. *Houston, TX*
 Shengshou Hu, M.D. *Beijing, China*
 Tadashi Isomura, M.D. *Hayama, Kanagawa, Japan*
 Marjan Jahangiri, M.D. *London, United Kingdom*
 Robert D. Jaquiss, M.D. *Little Rock, AR*
 Victor A. Jebara, M.D. *Beirut, Lebanon*
 Alan P. Kypson, M.D. *Greenville, NC*
 Rüdiger S. Lange, M.D., Ph.D., *Munich, Germany*
 Jennifer S. Lawton, M.D. *St. Louis, MO*
 Michael J. Liptay, M.D. *Chicago, IL*
 Jinfen Liu, M.D., *Shanghai, China*
 Thomas E. MacGillivray, M.D. *Boston, MA*
 Mitchell J. Magee, M.D. *Dallas, TX*
 Juan Martínez-León, M.D. *Valencia, Spain*
 Tomislav Mihaljevic, M.D. *Cleveland, OH*
 Victor O. Morrell, M.D., *Pittsburgh, PA*
 Jose L. Navia, M.D. *Cleveland, OH*
 Hitoshi Ogino, M.D. *Suita, Osaka, Japan*
 Morihito Okada, MD, PhD *Hiroshima City, Japan*
 John R. Pepper, M.D. *London, United Kingdom*
 Vivek Rao, M.D. *Toronto, ON, Canada*
 Hermann Reichenspurner, M.D., Ph.D. *Hamburg, Germany*
 Jeffrey B. Rich, M.D. *Norfolk, VA*
 Joseph D. Schmoker, M.D. *Burlington, VT*
 Hans H. Sievers, M.D. *Luebeck, Germany*
 Mark Slaughter, M.D. *Oak Lawn, IL*
 David Spielvogel, M.D. *Valhalla, NY*
 Yuichi Ueda, M.D. *Nagoya, Japan*
 Luca A. Vricella, MD, FACS *Baltimore, MD*
 Toshikatsu Yagihara, M.D. *Suita, Japan*
 David D. Yuh, M.D. *Baltimore, MD*
 Marco A. Zenati, M.D. *Pittsburgh, PA*

Honorary

William T. Maloney, *Manchester, MA*
 Marko I. Turina, M.D., *Zurich, Switzerland*

Please make plans to attend the **89th Annual Meeting** of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery to be held at the Hynes Convention Center in **Boston, MA, May 9-13, 2009.**

Announcement of 2009 Annual Meeting

The Eighty-ninth Annual Meeting of The American Association for Thoracic Surgery will be held May 9–13, 2009, in Boston, MA, USA, at the Hynes Convention Center. The meeting of the Association is open to all physicians. House Officers and Fellows will be admitted without payment of a registration fee upon presentation of a letter from their Chief of Service either during preregistration or at the time of registration.

Requests for Pre-registration, Who Should Attend, Forms and Hotel Reservations

Preliminary information about the 2009 Annual Meeting is now available on the AATS website at www.aats.org

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Abstract Deadline for the 89th Annual Meeting is Monday, October 6, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Submission of Abstracts

Authors submitting abstracts for the 89th Annual Meeting must use electronic submission ONLY. Please visit the AATS website at www.aats.org and select the Abstract Submission Link. Specific instructions for abstract submission are located on the website, including how to submit graphics and charts.

Call for Abstracts for the 12th Annual C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum

Residents are encouraged to submit abstracts for the 12th Annual C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum. It will consist of presentations of original work by North American thoracic surgery residents and residents in general surgical training programs who are working in a cardiothoracic surgical laboratory or clinical rotation. The presentations are selected by the AATS Program Committee and the Training Program Director must acknowledge that the material presented is original work and that of the resident.

Abstracts may be submitted for the following categories:

- Resident
- Emerging Technology
- Cardiac or General Thoracic Forum (Basic or Laboratory Science)
- Regular Session

If selecting regular session, submitters must select one of the following:

- General Thoracic Surgery
- Adult Cardiovascular Surgery
- Congenital Heart Disease and Pediatric General Thoracic Surgery

For further information on the Lillehei Forum or on submitting an abstract for consideration, please contact:

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